# CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (original): Precipitated silica comprising silica particles having a porous surface, the silica particles having a cumulative surface area for all pores having diameters greater than about 500 Å of less than 8 $m^2/g$, as measured by mercury intrusion, and a percentage cetylpyridinium chloride (% CPC) Compatibility of greater than about 55%.

Claim 2 (original): A silica product according to claim 1, wherein the silica particles have a percentage cetylpyridinium chloride (%CPC) Compatibility of greater than approximately 60%.

Claim 3 (original): A silica product according to claim 1, wherein the silica particles have a %CPC Compatibility of greater than approximately 70%.

Claim 4 (original): A silica product according to claim 1, wherein the silica particles have a %CPC Compatibility of greater than approximately 80%.

Claim 5 (original): A silica product according to claim 1, wherein the silica particles have a BET specific surface area of less than approximately 30 square meters per gram.

Claim 6 (original): A silica product according to claim 1, wherein the silica particles have a median diameter of 1 to 20 micrometers.

Claim 7 (original): A silica product according to claim 1, wherein the silica particles have a %CPC Compatibility value of approximately 55% to 95%.

Claim 8 (original): A silica product according to claim 1, wherein the silica particles comprise silica aggregates or agglomerates individually comprising unitary clusters of a plurality of silica primary particles.

Claim 9 (original): A silica product according to claim 1, the silica particles having a cumulative surface area for all pores having diameters greater than about 500 Å of less than 7 $m^2/g$, as measured by mercury intrusion.

Claim 10 (original): Dentifrice, comprising:

a silica product comprising silica particles having a porous surface, the silica particles having a cumulative surface area for all pores having diameters greater than about 500 Å of less than 8 $m^2/g$, as measured by mercury intrusion, and a percentage cetylpyridinium chloride (% CPC) Compatibility of greater than about 55%.

Claim 11 (original): Dentifrice according to claim 10, wherein the silica particles have a percentage cetylpyridinium chloride (%CPC) Compatibility of greater than approximately 60%.

Claim 12 (currently amended): Dentifrice according to claim 10, wherein the silica particles provide [[a superior]] an increased flavor compatibility as compared to the dentifrice if containing the silica particles without the surface deposits.

Claim 13 (original): Dentifrice according to claim 10, wherein the silica particles have a percentage cetylpyridinium chloride (%CPC) Compatibility of greater than approximately 70%.

Claim 14 (original): Dentifrice according to claim 10, wherein the silica particles have a percentage cetylpyridinium chloride (%CPC) Compatibility of greater than approximately 80%.

Claim 15 (original): Dentifrice according to claim 10, wherein the silica wherein the silica particles have a %CPC Compatibility value of approximately 55% to 95%.

Claim 16 (original): Dentifrice according to claim 10, wherein the silica particles comprise aggregates or agglomerates individually comprised of clusters of a plurality of silica primary particles.

Claim 17 (original): Dentifrice according to claim 10, further including an effective amount of at least one flavorant compatible with CPC.

Claim 18 (original): Dentifrice according to claim 10, further including an effective amount of an anticaries compound comprising a fluoride ion source.

Claim 19 (original): Dentifrice according to claim 10, further including an effective amount of antimicrobial agent.

Claim 20 (original): Dentifrice according to claim 10, the silica particles having a cumulative surface area for all pores having diameters greater than about 500 Å of less than 7 $m^2/g$, as measured by mercury intrusion.

Claim 21 (original): Dentifrice, comprising:

a) antibacterial effective amount of cetylpyridinium chloride;

b) precipitated silica product comprising silica particles having a porous surface, the silica particles having a cumulative surface area for all pores having diameters greater than about 500 Å of less than 8 $m^2/g$, as measured by mercury intrusion, and a percentage cetylpyridinium chloride (% CPC) Compatibility of greater than about 55%.

Claim 22 (original): Dentifrice, comprising:

a silica product comprising silica particles having a porous surface, the silica particles having a cumulative surface area for all pores having diameters greater than about 500 Å of less than 8 $m^2/g$, as measured by mercury intrusion, and a percentage cetylpyridinium chloride (% CPC)

Compatibility of greater than about 55%.

Claim 23 (original): Process for making precipitated silica product, comprising: a)

providing amorphous silica substrate particles having a median diameter of 1 to 100 micrometers;

b) depositing active silica onto surfaces of the silica substrate particles by acidulation of an alkali metal silicate in an aqueous medium, in which the substrate particles are dispersed, in an amount effective to provide a slurry of silica particles having a porous surface, the silica particles having a cumulative surface area for all pores having diameters greater than about 500 Å of less than 8 $m^2/g$, as measured by mercury intrusion, and a percentage cetylpyridinium chloride (% CPC) Compatibility of greater than about 55%.

Claim 24 (original): The process of claim 23, further comprising dewatering and drying the silica particles to a flowable finely divided particulate form.

Claim 25 (original): The process of claim 23, wherein the providing of the silica particles comprises slurrying a dry flowable particulate form of the silica particles in an aqueous solution.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The process of claim 23, wherein the providing of the silica particles comprises forming the silica particles in situ by acidulation of an alkali metal silicate in an aqueous medium without drying the silica particulate below 20% water content before initiating [[the surface area reduction]] step "b" thereof.

Claim 27 (original): The process of claim 23, wherein the providing of the silica particles comprises providing silica aggregates or agglomerates individually comprising unitary clusters of a plurality of the amorphous silica primary particles.

Claim 28 (original): The process of claim 23, wherein the silica particles have a %CPC Compatibility of greater than approximately 60%.

Claim 29 (original): The process of claim 23, wherein the silica particles have a %CPC Compatibility of greater than approximately 70%.

Claim 30 (original): The process of claim 23, wherein the silica particles have a %CPC Compatibility of greater than approximately 80%.

Claim 31 (original): The process of claim 23, wherein the silica particles have a %CPC Compatibility within the range of about 55% to about 90%.

Claim 32 (original): The product of the process of claim 23.